

IN THE CLAIMS

44 (Currently amended). A disposable absorbent article comprising:

a stretchable multilayer chassis having a longitudinal axis, a lateral axis, an inner surface ~~and~~, an outer surface and a width; said chassis being stretchable at least laterally; and

an absorbent body having an inner surface ~~and~~, an outer surface and a width that is less than the width of the chassis, said absorbent body being affixed along at least a portion of its outer surface to the inner surface of said chassis [such that] whereby the inner surface of the absorbent body lies against [the] a wearer of the article during use, said chassis being stretchable about the wearer independent of the absorbent body.

45 (Currently amended). [[A]] The disposable absorbent article [[as]] set forth in claim 44 wherein said article is a diaper.

46 (Currently amended). [[A]] The disposable absorbent article [[as]] set forth in claim 44 wherein the absorbent body is affixed to the stretchable multilayer chassis in at least one of a lateral attachment pattern and a longitudinal attachment pattern.

47 (Currently amended). [[A]] The disposable absorbent article [[as]] set forth in claim 46 wherein the outer surface of the absorbent body has a surface area, ~~less than 95% of which~~ wherein about 25% to about 95% of said surface area is

5 affixed to the inner surface of the stretchable multilayer chassis.

48-49 (Cancelled).

50 (Currently amended). [[A]] The disposable absorbent article [[as]] set forth in claim 44 wherein the stretchable multilayer chassis comprises a chassis liner and an outer cover, said chassis liner defining the inner surface of said chassis and said outer cover defining the outer surface of said chassis.

51 (Currently amended). [[A]] The disposable absorbent article [[as]] set forth in claim 50, wherein the chassis liner and the outer cover are each extensible.

52 (Currently amended). [[A]] The disposable absorbent article [[as]] set forth in claim 50 wherein the chassis liner and the outer cover are each elastic.

53 (Currently amended). [[A]] The disposable absorbent article [[as]] set forth in claim 50 wherein the chassis liner is extensible and the outer cover is elastic.

54 (Currently amended). [[A]] The disposable absorbent article [[as]] set forth in claim 50 wherein the chassis liner is elastic and the outer cover is extensible.

55 (Currently amended). [[A]] The disposable absorbent article [[as]] set forth in claim 50 wherein the chassis liner comprises a neck-stretched, spunbond web.

56 (Currently amended). [[A]] The disposable absorbent article [[as]] set forth in claim 50 wherein the outer cover

comprises an elastic material that is stretchable both laterally and longitudinally by about 25% to about 125%.

57 (Currently amended). [[A]] The disposable absorbent article [[as]] set forth in claim 50 wherein the outer cover comprises an elastic material that is stretchable both laterally and longitudinally by about 100% to about 200%.

d 58 (Currently amended). [[A]] The disposable absorbent article [[as]] set forth in claim 50 wherein the outer cover comprises an elastic material that is stretchable both laterally and longitudinally by about 150% to about 250%.

59 (Currently amended). [[A]] The disposable absorbent article [[as]] set forth in claim 50 wherein the outer cover comprises polypropylene spunbond material laminated with styrene-isoprene-styrene-based adhesive.

60 (Currently amended). [[A]] The disposable absorbent article [[as]] set forth in claim 50 wherein the outer cover comprises at least one of the following: a microporous polymer ~~films~~ film, a nonwoven ~~fabrics~~ fabric, a spunbonded laminate, a meltblown laminate, a spunbond-meltblown-spunbond laminate, and a stretch-bonded laminate.

61 (Currently amended). [[A]] The disposable absorbent article [[as]] set forth in claim 50 wherein the outer cover comprises a thermoplastic nonwoven web made from a stretchable polymer.

62 (Currently amended). [[A]] The disposable absorbent article [[as]] set forth in claim 61 wherein the stretchable polymer is selected from the following: polyolefins,

polyethylene, heterophasic polymers, olefin polymers and
5 multi-block elastomeric copolymers.

63 (Currently amended). [[A]] The disposable absorbent
article [[as]] set forth in claim 44 wherein the absorbent body
comprises at least an absorbent core.

64 (Currently amended). [[A]] The disposable absorbent
article [[as]] set forth in claim 63 wherein the absorbent body
further comprises at least one of a tissue wrapsheet and an
absorbent body liner.

65 (Currently amended). [[A]] The disposable absorbent
article [[as]] set forth in claim 63 wherein the absorbent core
comprises a matrix of hydrophilic fibers and superabsorbent
material.

66 (Previously presented). A disposable absorbent article
having a longitudinal axis and a lateral axis, said article
comprising:

- a stretchable multilayer chassis having an inner
5 surface and an outer surface, said chassis comprising:
 - a chassis liner defining the inner surface of
the chassis and being stretchable at least laterally; and
 - an outer cover secured to the chassis liner and
defining the outer surface of the chassis, said outer cover
10 being stretchable at least laterally;
 - an absorbent body comprising:
 - an absorbent core;
 - a tissue wrapsheet wrapped about the absorbent core;
- and
15 a surge management layer; and
- an absorbent body liner secured at least in part to

the chassis liner, said absorbent body being disposed between the absorbent body liner and the chassis liner with the surge management layer disposed between the tissue wrapsheet and the absorbent body liner.

67 (Currently amended). [[A]] The disposable absorbent article [[as]] set forth in claim 66 wherein the absorbent body is affixed to the stretchable multilayer chassis in at least one of a lateral attachment pattern and a longitudinal attachment pattern.

68 (Currently amended). [[A]] The disposable absorbent article [[as]] set forth in claim 66 wherein the absorbent body has an outer surface, the absorbent body being affixed along at least a portion of its outer surface to the chassis liner.

69 (Currently amended). [[A]] The disposable absorbent article [[as]] set forth in claim 68 wherein the outer surface of the absorbent body has a surface area, ~~less than 95% of which~~ wherein about 25% to about 95% of said surface area is affixed to the chassis liner.

70-71 (Cancelled)

72 (Currently amended). [[A]] The disposable absorbent article [[as]] set forth in claim 66, wherein the chassis liner and the outer cover are each extensible.

73 (Currently amended). [[A]] The disposable absorbent article [[as]] set forth in claim 66 wherein the chassis liner and the outer cover are each elastic.

74 (Currently amended). [[A]] The disposable absorbent article [[as]] set forth in claim 66 wherein the chassis liner is extensible and the outer cover is elastic.

75 (Currently amended). [[A]] The disposable absorbent article [[as]] set forth in claim 66 wherein the chassis liner is elastic and the outer cover is extensible.

76 (Currently amended). [[A]] The disposable absorbent article [[as]] set forth in claim 66 wherein the chassis liner comprises a neck-stretched, spunbond web.

77 (Currently amended). [[A]] The disposable absorbent article [[as]] set forth in claim 66 wherein the outer cover comprises an elastic material that is stretchable both laterally and longitudinally by about 25% to about 125%.

78 (Currently amended). [[A]] The disposable absorbent article [[as]] set forth in claim 66 wherein the outer cover comprises an elastic material that is stretchable both laterally and longitudinally by about 100% to about 200%.

79 (Currently amended). [[A]] The disposable absorbent article [[as]] set forth in claim 66 wherein the outer cover comprises an elastic material that is stretchable both laterally and longitudinally by about 150% to about 250%.

80 (Currently amended). [[A]] The disposable absorbent article [[as]] set forth in claim 66 wherein the outer cover comprises polypropylene spunbond material laminated with styrene-isoprene-styrene-based adhesive.

81 (Currently amended). [[A]] The disposable absorbent article [[as]] set forth in claim 66 wherein the outer cover

comprises at least one of the following: a microporous polymer
~~films~~ film, a nonwoven fabrics fabric, a spunbonded laminate, a
5 meltblown laminate, a spunbond-meltblown-spunbond laminate, and
a stretch-bonded laminate.

82 (Currently amended). [[A]] The disposable absorbent
article [[as]] set forth in claim 66 wherein the outer cover
comprises a thermoplastic nonwoven web made from a stretchable
polymer.

83 (Currently amended). [[A]] The disposable absorbent
article [[as]] set forth in claim 82 wherein the stretchable
polymer is selected from the following: polyolefins,
polyethylene, heterophasic polymers, olefin polymers and
5 multi-block elastomeric copolymers.

84 (Currently amended). [[A]] The disposable absorbent
article [[as]] set forth in claim 66 wherein the absorbent body
comprises at least one of a non-stretch material and a low
stretch material.

85 (Currently amended). [[A]] The disposable absorbent
article [[as]] set forth in claim 66, wherein the absorbent
core comprises a matrix of hydrophilic fibers and
superabsorbent fibers.

86. (New). A disposable absorbent article comprising:
a stretchable chassis having an inner surface and an outer
surface; and

an absorbent body having an outer surface and an inner
5 surface adapted for contiguous relationship with a wearer of
the article, the absorbent body being affixed along at least a
portion of its outer surface to the stretchable chassis, the

absorbent body and the stretchable chassis being configured and arranged relative to each other for contiguous relationship of
10 at least a portion of the inner surface of the stretchable chassis with the wearer of the article.

87. (New). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 86 wherein the absorbent body comprises an absorbent core and an absorbent body liner covering at least a portion of the absorbent core for contiguous relationship with the wearer of
5 the article.
